

Remember, you're not just fertilizing your lawn



Fertilize sparingly and caringly

Green grass can result in green lakes.

That's because storm drains found in our streets and yards lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, fertilizer from your lawn can easily end up in our water. This fertilizer can form large algae blooms and use up oxygen fish and other aquatic insects need to survive.

What can you do? Simple. These tips will help stop our lakes from turning green and keep some green in your pocket.

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks and back onto your lawn.
- Recycle grass clippings by leaving them on your lawn.
- Use fertilizer with no or low phosphorus.
- Select a slow-release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water insoluble (check the label).

Keep the green where it belongs.

Our Water. Our Future.



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